

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3252

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires Commissioner of DOH to assess how to increase number of teaching hospitals and medical residency programs throughout State.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the expansion of medical education programs  
2 in the State.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Commissioner of Health shall convene a strategic  
8 planning summit comprised of relevant State agencies and boards  
9 and key physician-supply stakeholders, including representatives of  
10 medical schools and teaching hospitals in the State to:

11 (1) analyze the State's physician workforce supply, by county  
12 and specialty, using the most recent data available, including  
13 licensure data from the State Board of Medical Examiners;

14 (2) discuss the redistribution or expansion, or both, of residency  
15 slots in the State to address physician shortages in the State; and

16 (3) investigate ways to include more community hospitals in  
17 resident rotations in family medicine, internal medicine, and  
18 pediatric medicine.

19 b. Within six months after the effective date of this act, the  
20 Commissioner of Health shall provide a written report with the  
21 findings and recommendations of the planning summit to the  
22 Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,  
23 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill seeks to address the impending physician shortage in  
31 New Jersey by directing the Commissioner of Health to convene a  
32 strategic planning summit comprised of relevant State agencies and  
33 boards, and key physician-supply stakeholders, including  
34 representatives of medical schools and teaching hospitals in the  
35 State.

36 The purpose of the planning summit is to:

37 (1) analyze the State's physician workforce supply, by county  
38 and specialty, using on the most recent data available, including  
39 licensure data from the State Board of Medical Examiners;

40 (2) discuss the redistribution or expansion, or both, of residency  
41 slots in the State to address physician shortages in the State; and

42 (3) investigate ways to include more community hospitals in  
43 resident rotations in family medicine, internal medicine, and  
44 pediatric medicine.

45 The bill also requires that the Commissioner of Health provide a  
46 written report with the findings and recommendations of the  
47 planning summit to the Governor and Legislature within six months  
48 after the effective date.